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OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

*Membership of
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1912
Florence Lawton*

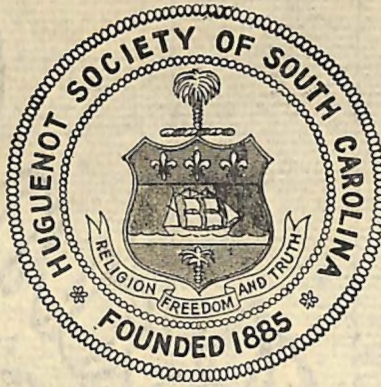


Miss Florence T. Lawton.

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President.

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Charleston, S. C., Jan/. 2, 1912. 190

Miss Florence T. Lawton.

Estell, S. C.

Dear Miss Lawton;

Your letter of January 1, 1912 received, together with your application for membership, which will be submitted to the Society in April next. I have also received your check for \$ 10.00. \$ 1.00 will go for your application of membership, and the other \$ 9.00 to membership dues. I have forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Transactions of the Society as requested.

yours very truly,

J. B. Chisolm
Secy.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

A. R. Lawton

P. O. Box 527

Savannah, Ga.



Lawton Family

Miss Florence J. Lawton,
Hampton,
S.C.

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Kindly address mail to
P. O. Box 527

June 4, 1953
File 1003-55

Miss Florence I. Lawton,
Hampton, South Carolina.

My dear Cousin Florence:

I was very glad to get your letter of June 1st, and I will certainly try to attend any re-union which may be gotten up but, since there are so few of us in Georgia and so many in South Carolina whose names and addresses I do not know, I will have to ask that some one else be given the job of getting up the re-union.

Your letter was my first news that Joseph Lawton, who was my great-great-grandfather, was an officer in the Revolutionary Army, and I am very glad indeed to hear it. I think, however, that Georgia Patriotic Societies, such as the Sons of the Revolution and the Society of the Cincinnati, would not take any interest in doing anything about him, as he was a South Carolinian. The South Carolina Sons of the Revolution and Cincinnati are the only ones I can think of who would be interested in acting and I believe the latter would not be interested unless Joseph Lawton was a member of the Society or an officer whose service was such that it could form the basis for membership in the Cincinnati.

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Of course, I have no approach to the Carolina Sons of the Revolution, but I have no doubt that there are plenty of Lawtons in South Carolina who are members.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Lawton

ARL:es



7 Pitt Street

Charleston, So. Carolina

April 7, 1938

My dear Cousin Florrie,

Do pardon the unlovely envelope in which this letter arrived but it is, I believe, about the only thing available for sending the photograph which you will find enclosed. I secured this photograph by taking several exposures of a photograph of Eliza Jane Robert Rhodes, 2nd wife of Hon. George Rhodes, which is now in the possession of Cousin "Zeenie" (Mrs. Albert Youmans.) Having learned from Cousin Annie Lou Morrison that you had additional photographs of Hon. George Rhodes, similar to the one which, I believe, you gave to her, I am sending you this photograph of his wife and asking that you give me one of the husband in exchange. I believe that at present I am on the trail of a portrait photograph of Hon. G. Rhodes, my great-grandfather, but nevertheless would be very happy to have a copy of your photograph of him also.

As a sort of amateur genealogist I have been attempting to learn the definite ancestry of this man but can get no further back than his father. I also know that Mrs. James Pringle of Charleston was his Aunt but have never been able to discover the why of the situation. Otherwise, I have spent hours studying the unusual relationships and genealogy of the Rhodes, Robert, Lawton, Peeples, Landgrave Smith, Folk and others and have immensely enjoyed it.

Being a member of the honorable Lawton family perhaps you know something of one, John Lawton, Lawton Hall, Cheshire, Eng., who married Ann Montagu and had 21 children. John also had three brothers: William, Thomas and Ralph. If you can establish descent from any of these, I have some interesting news for you. These brothers were the children of Hester Longville and William Lawton.

I trust that both you and Cousin Estelle are well and that I shall have the pleasure of hearing from you soon,

Sincerely,

Bobbey Peeples

(Robert E. King Howard)

27 February 91

Dear Robert,

Thank you so much for your most recent letter, which I enjoyed and appreciated immensely, as I do all of your letters. Your ability to condense so much detailed information into a single epistle has always been a source of amazement and delight to me.

Among particulars, thank you first of all for the Society's new address. I sent my application papers back out again in yesterday's mail, and will let you know the moment I hear from the registrar.

You are quite welcome for the stamps. I will send you some more in a few days for that "third box" of Cousin Florrie's material, which I am most eager to examine. I still need to go back through the first batch of material for the "winnowing" process, but I do already have everything fairly well sorted and filed into general family categories. You can not imagine how much fun I have had going through all these old papers. The experience has been equivalent in so many ways to a journey back into the past. Along the way I have alternately laughed out loud and all but cried as I have read these old letters, particularly the ones dating from the "Occupation" period. What treasures these old letters are! I thank you for them again and again and again.

As for the account of Lawtonville, it is here, and is, as you said, very interesting. Would you like for me to send you a copy of it? If it is to be "properly annotated," who but you would be equal to the task?

As you suggest, I will forward Cousin Florrie's Peeples file to my aunts in Hampton and request that they pass them along to the Hampton Co. Historical Society as a gift specifically from you. No doubt I eventually will send a number of the other papers--along with some of my own papers--there also.

At my earliest convenience I will follow up on your suggestions as to how I might be able to obtain the rest of Narcissa Lawton's Diary, for if I do not somehow obtain this journal, my students will never let me rest. Their "line" now is that if a teacher can not do his "homework," he should not expect his students to do theirs! How's THAT for a "no homework" excuse? I am hard-pressed for a satisfactory response, too!

Yesterday I received a letter and bundle of material from my "cousin" in California--the "jack-in-the-box, surprise descendant" of my gg-uncle, Lewis Reeve Sams, who (according to all the sources) "never married and had no issue." Anyway, among other items Roberta sent me ^{are} a few which I'm enclosing. As you can see by the pictures, her husband is white, and she is very light herself--an octaroon^{sp?}, I would imagine. I just thought that you might be interested in seeing what this family looks like.

Roberta also sent me a biography of Bonum Sams and a history of the Sams family on Datha. In this history the author quoted an "Occupation-Era" letter from my gg-grandmother, CMO, who wistfully refers to how much she misses her "lovely Retreat"--the name of the Sams plantation on Datha. I was thrilled to find this nugget of information, especially since I had just recently written to several people in an attempt to obtain it. I am continually amazed by these "ancestral synchronicities": One week I write a cousin in South Carolina for a minute item of information, and the next week the answer arrives from a most unlikely source in California!

Thank you so much for confirming my Oswald information, and for fine-tuning the small details I was uncertain about. All of this data will be an immense help to Brent Holcombe (sp?) when I get around to asking him to work on my Oswald line....that is, if ever Camille Crouse is satisfied with his research on the Reynolds and Chaplin lines! I do hope we soon will be able to resolve that mess!

I will be delighted to assist Col. Charles McRay Milam in any way I can with his Milam "problem"--whatever it might be. I am not familiar with

his line right off the top of my head, but I have a substantial amount of Milam material and correspondence from contacts in Arkansas. Col. Milam will of course be welcome to anything I might have to assist him in any of my Milam (or other) files. I am glad you told him to contact me, and I will look forward to corresponding with him.

As for Michael Berry, I knew that you and Miss Cora would want to be informed about him, but please don't tell Tommy I let you know about this tragedy. For whatever reason, Tommy is extremely "close" with his details on this subject, and I certainly would not want to violate his sensitivity.

As for the "failure of school teachers and the clergy" to impress upon today's youth the ABSOLUTE NECESSITY of obeying a certain THOU SHALT NOT, all I can say is this, Robert: A hungry possum will eat a poisoned persimmon, no matter how eloquently a pine tree pleads with him not to. It is as simple as that--and statistics attest to the veracity of that statement. What doesn't begin in the HOME does not begin at ALL.

On to less cryptic matters, let me mention something I almost forgot to ask you about--the enclosed baptism record of Mrs. Rosa Garvin.

Do you know anything about this Jillette Baptist Church and the place known in 1879 as Ruddell, S. C.? I am asking, of course, for Roberta, who is having a time with her Garvin ancestry. I have nothing at all on this place called Ruddell, and Roberta can not locate it on any map. It seems to have been in the area between Lawtonville and Allendale, but the only thing I can find in my limited files is a reference to a family by that name in the 1880's and 1890's. Do you have anything on this church or the place it was located?

I have thirty minutes to get ready for school, so this must end. I will be in touch again soon.

In the meantime, remember me as always to Miss Cora.

*Yours as ever -
Paul*

Rev Lawton Riley DD
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Casa Grande, Arizona

908 North Gilbert Ave
September 12, 1957

Miss Florence Lawton

Hampton, South Carolina

Dear Cousin:

I know you will be surprised to hear from me! I am such an impossible correspondent. I hope to reform some day! Moreover, I feel you will be surprised to see ARIZONA at the top of my stationery. I was called to this thriving city of 15,000, which has doubled its population in the past 5 years, last July, and on Sunday, September FIRST, I took up my work here. Beautiful new Church and lovely new Rectory. I serve 350 members and 200 children in the Sunday School.

I feel very much ashamed that I have not written you sooner. All Summer in Houston I was very busy. I came out here by AIR, the middle of July, preached and stayed four days. I liked the place and the fine climate--- people here from every part of the country. I have seen so far, only four natives of this fast growing State.

I have your Confederate Ten Dollar bill in a nice frame, in my living room, right under a lovely picture of General Lee and his Generals. Every time I look at it I THINK OF YOU.

Right now, I have a thousand things to do, getting on to the ropes, but I just HAD to write you a line. I shall write a REAL letter before long.

Affectionately yours;

Lawton Riley
LAWTON RILEY

908 North Gilbert Avenue

Casa Grande, Arizona

*You joins me in
sending Love!*

Dear Cousin Florrie -

Thank you for your fine
letter -

The information on the reverse side, I
thought might interest you - Do you think
this might account for the Hadley
grand children (or great grand children) mentioned
by "our Mary" in her will?

Should you have an opportunity, I should
appreciate anything you might be able
to let me have on the Baynards' -

Lucile and I send lots of love to
you and your sisters -

Over

Off -

Walter Lawton

S. C. H & G. Magazine Vol XXIII No 2 - April - 1922 Page 4
"Paul Grimbball & his third wife Mary had issue: -"

VIII Anne Grimbball born between 1746 & 1750 married
Peter Robert Jr. - They moved to Woodville Miss about 1810.
And she is said to have died in 1818 as wife of Peter
Robert Jr. - She receipts for a child's ^{grave} of the estate of Paul Grimbball
April, 10, 1760 - She had issue "

"Our Family Circle" Page 237 -

IX Anne Grimbball Robert the ninth child of
Captain Peter Robert & Anne Grimbball [Robert] was
born in Beaufort District, S. C. She married Rev
Moses Hadley, who led the band of sixty people,
composed of members of the Robert, Grimbball and Garrison
families [and Lawtons?] from S. C. - - - to the Mississippi
River, and - - - to Natchez, and thence - - - to Woodville - - -
Rev Moses Hadley & his wife had descendants but it has been
impossible to get a record of them - the son William Peter
Guston Hadley, was living at Cheneyville, La in 1830 - - -

- Pages -
"S. C. Baptists - 1670-1805 -" Townsend 51-51+, 52, 53
[Ape Creek Church] There was a steady decline in numbers towards
the end of the century, which Rev Moses Hadley's short pastorate
does not seem to have improved. Pastor - 1794-1795
[Black Swamp Church] " - - - Rev Moses Hadley - with them for a time
" A remarkable revival occurred in 1802 under the preaching
of Rev Alexander Scott and Rev Moses Hadley - - -

Atlanta, Ga
Sept. 2, 1957

Dear Cousin Florene

You were surely kind to send the article on John C. Willingham - It is a beautiful tribute - He must have been a fine Christian man - As requested, am returning herewith - Also the information on the Ficklings was most interesting - Thanks for always sharing your valuable research information - You are very kind and considerate.

Thank you for writing about Mrs C. E. Bond. I had several conversations with her on 'phone sometime ago, but recently my activity, including 'phone conversations has been much restricted - My Luella talked to her on 'phone yesterday - Should I get any information from her authenticating the connection with "our Mary" will certainly pass along to you

I am about the same, but keep happy most of the time - God has been very good - I am thankful -

You asked about my immediate ancestry - Am sketching on the back of this an outline - but not with details - Tho' I have much ~~of~~ more

Please give our love to your sisters and keep lots for yourself - With appreciation

Walter D. Lavette

Walter Terrell Lawton and Lucile Ray (Lawton)
B. Aug 31-1890 Macon, Ga

Major Richard Furman Lawton

Carrie Willingham (Lawton)

Dorothea
Furman
(Lawton)

Benjamin
Lawton

Elizabeth
Baynard
(Willingham)

William Seabrook Lawton

Willingham

Dr
Samuel
Furman

Eliza

Thomas
Hewitt

Phoebe
Sarah
Lawton

Benjamin
T.D.
Lawton

Jane
Mosse

Syringeor
(Furman)

Willingham

(Willingham)

Baynard
line

back for
several
generations
including,

Calders, Chevin,
Chaplin, Barnwell,
Grumball etc

Joseph
Lawton

~~Sarah
Robert~~
(Lawton)

Dr George
Mosse
etc

Furman
line back
to
John Furman
1588-1642

Syringeor
line back
to Scotland

Willingham
line back
for
several
generations

Capt.
William
Lawton

Mary
(-?-)
(Lawton)

Robert
line
back to
William Robert
born 1598-
Wales

(I have considerable information on these
lines.)

Hartsville S. C.,
Aug. 8, 1957.

Dear Cousin Florence,

Thank you very much for sending me
the copy you made of my Uncle John Calhoun
Willingham's obituary.

I am enclosing the copy of Joseph J. Lawton
and Phoebe Moore Bible. You can keep this
copy. I have it written as it is in the
Bible exactly.

The Bible was published in 1834.

Thank you again & know it was
a slow job writing so much for me.

Love,

Carrie Lee

I am returning you copy of J. C. Willingham

Family Record from Bible of Joseph James Lawton
and Phoebe Jane Mosse

Marriages

Joe. J. Lawton was married to Phoebe
J. Mosse, daughter of Dr. George
Mosse of St. Helena Isl. B.D.S.C.
on the 18th Oct. 1798

My daughter Sarah Caroline was
married to G. J. J. Singleton on
the 12th Feby. 1824.

My daughter Elvira Lucretia was mar-
ried to J. M. Miller of Geo. Jan. 9th
1834.

My son Joe. A. Lawton was married
to Mrs. M. S. Barkdale April 13th 1836.

Marriages

My daughter Emily was married
to Richard G. Lawrence Oct. 10,
1838

My daughter Elizabeth Martha
was married to Edmund L. Whately
May 23rd 1839.

My son Benj. was married
to Josephine Pollhill Oct. 21st 1845.

My daughter Mag was married
to James Pringle Rhodes
Dec. 17th 1848.

Family Record

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Births

Joseph Lawton born Oct. 15, 1753.
 Sarah Lawton born Feb. 6th 1755.
 Jos. James Lawton born August 18th 1777.
 Phebe J. Lawton born December, 26th 1781.
 George Washington Lawton born Jan. 22nd 1800.
 Jos. Benjamin Lawton born October 18th 1801.
 Eliza Jane Lawton born October 22nd 1804.
 Sarah Caroline Lawton born Dec. 7th 1805.
 Mary Charlotte Lawton born July 9th 1808.
 Jos. William Lawton born April 14th 1810.
 Joseph Alexander Lawton born Dec. 9th 1811.
 Louisa and Emily Lawton born June 30th 1814.
 Eliza Lucelia Lawton born October 30th 1816.
 Elizabeth M. Lawton born Dec. 26th 1818.
 Benjamin Wm. Lawton born Sept. 22nd 1822.
 Margaret P. Lawton born October 19th 1825.

Births

Joseph J. Singleton born Dec. 2nd 1824
 son of Caroline Singleton.
 Joseph Richard Miller born Aug. 24th 1835 - son of Lucelia Miller.
 Robert Lawton Miller born October 30th 1836.
 Joseph Stoney Lawton born August 3th 1837.
 Samuel George Lawton born Nov. 23rd 1838.
 Elizabeth Laurence born July 2nd 1839.
 Abner Whalley born March 31st 1840.
 Benjamin W. Miller born June 12th 1838.
 Louisa E. Whalley born May 22nd 1841.
 Edward Miller born March 1st 1840.
 John Milo Miller born June 1842.
 Joseph Lawton Whalley born Feb. 8th 1843. Big Baby.
 Paul Stoney Lawton born August 1841.
 John Laurence born Sept. 1841
 2nd Dawson.
 Joseph Miller born 1844.
 Hellen A. Whalley born Feb. 19th 1845.
 William Benjamin Laurence born April 1845.
 Eugene Miller born March 1847.
 Henry J. Rhodes born October 19th 1847.
 Susan Ella Rhodes born Nov. 4th 1849.
 George Augusta Rhodes born Jan. 18th 1852.
 Phebe Charlotte Rhodes born June 1854.
 Charles Singleton Singleton born in Charleston Jan. 23rd 1849.

Deaths

George W. Lawton died July 15th 1802.
 Jos. B. Lawton died Jan. 15th 1803.
 Eliza Jane Lawton died Dec. 19th 1804.
 James Wm. Lawton died May 25; 1810.
 Joseph Lawton died Mar. 15; 1815 in
 his 62nd year.
 Mary C. Lawton died August 14th 1820.
 Mrs. Sarah Lawton died October 6th
 1839. age 84 years.
 Sarah C. Singleton died August 4th 1825.
 Jos. A. Miller died Sept. 1825.
 Jos. Stoney Lawton died Nov. 23rd 1838.
 Almer Whalley died Sept. 2nd 1840.
 Benj^m. Miller died
 Phebe J. Lawton died Sept. 21, 1858.
 Joseph J. Lawton died Sept. 23rd 1859.
 James Pringle Rhodes departed this
 life Oct. 29, 1853.
 Phebe Charlotte Rhodes died March
 15th 1858 at the age of 3 years
 & 9 months.
 Emily J. Lawrence died 1880

Births

M. Sallie Lawton April 23, 1847.

Deaths

L. E. Mill died August 1888
 E. T. Whalley died May 1889
 Margaret Rhodes died Dec. 1891.

The Bible does not say so, but I think these are the names. They are on a page pasted in the Book. (A. E. K.)

Fred born August 14, 1814
 James born August 3, 1822
 Hannah born June 26, 1823
 Hannah born April 29, 1824
 Brister born Nov. 3, 1824
 Mariah born July 24, 1825
 Harry born April 26, 1826
 Abel born Sept. 19, 1828
 Philip born 29, 1828
 Lavinia born Jan. 1830
 Susan born Sept. 27, 1836
 Lallie born Sept. 10, 1838
 William born Oct. 1832
 Elisha born April 1831
 Ned born Oct. 184
 Isaac (born) & Rebecca July 4, 1842
 Lynus born Sept. 16, 1850
 Solomon born Dec. 20, 1842
 Patty born June 7, 1845
 May born June 10, 1845
 Chloe born Feb. 21, 1846
 Dinah " 18, 1848
 Moses " Feb. 1849
 Hagar " May 21, 1849
 Able " Nov. 4, 1849

Washington born Sept. 9, 1850
 Richard " Nov. 16, 1850
 Rilla " May 27, 1851
 Hector " August the 20, 1852
 Andrew " Dec. 22, 1852
 James 13th child he first was born Sept. 10, 1838
 Jimmie born March 1854
 Bram " April 19, 1854
 Sylvia " Nov. 26, 1854
 Brister " Oct. 14, 1854
 Mariah " Nov. 10, 1856
 Harry son of B. Hannah May 17, 1858
 Jane born May 31, 1858
 Gideon " July 17, 1858
 Henry " Sept. 1, 1861

End.

I have copied this exactly as it is written in the Bible.

Carrie Lee P. Katter
 (Mrs. A. A.)
 Aug. 7, 1957.

August 30, 1957

Dear Florence:

Enclosed for you to keep is my poorly typed (done by me) of the William Lawton paper which is being forwarded to the Publications Committee of the S. C. & M. They speak as if they'll be delighted to have it. Thus, you'll be able to get a good, printed copy, either this fall, or the 1st of next year.

Thank you so much for your help. In my foreword of the paper, I included you and Little as being among those who had rendered valuable assistance.

I must correct the number of documents Lord Robert Lawton had when he died. Was it 126?

Sincerely,
John
Lawton

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM LAWTON: 18th Century Planter of Edisto

Recorded documents give a rather comprehensive picture of the life of William Lawton, who died on Edisto Island between October 9, 1757, and October 15, 1757.¹ His will referred to him simply as "Planter" of St. John's Parish, Edisto Island, Colleton County,² but when Joseph Seabrook, Daniel Townsend, and David Adams appraised his estate on December 19, 1757, they listed him as "Captain".³ Whether he was a retired sea captain, a captain in either His Majesty's Service or the local militia, or whether his appraisers merely conferred this title as a mark of respect, is not known.

Inferences are that Captain Lawton was a Presbyterian or an Anglican, although there are few extant records of early Edisto Churches. James Clark, in his will of April 16, 1750, names as trustees "My loving brothers in law William Jenkins and William Lawton", of a one hundred pound trust "for the use and support of the Gospell in the Presbyterian Congregation in Edisto Island",⁴ and the minutes of the Vestry of St. John's Colleton, the Anglican Congregation for Edisto, for August 6, 1750, read "Also this Day agreed that Mr. Samuel Jones and Mr. Joseph Phips and Mr. William Lawton Are a Pointed Oversears for the Poor of the said Parish."⁵ Such persons were nominated by the vestries of each parish for the "oversight, ordering and relieving of the poor", with power to demand and receive such gifts, legacies, fines, forfeitures, and "any money or things whatsoever" as were given for the use of the poor, as well as the power to institute suit for their collection or enforcement. Under the statute law, each vestry was required to nominate "two or more sober, discreet and substantial persons" for this post. They were required by statute to meet with the church wardens monthly after services to consult and regulate matters pertaining to the poor, and to make accountings to the vestries of their activities. Both the church wardens and overseers of the poor were subject to fine for failing and/or refusing to accept their appointments.⁶ However, regardless of his denominational affiliation, Captain Lawton was sufficiently concerned with religion not only to request the usual Christian burial in his will, but after the ^{usual} ~~usually~~ salutary clauses to state, "Principally being sincerely sorry for all my Sins and humbly begging pardon for the same I commend my Soul to the Mercies of God my Creator in & thro' Jesus Christ my Blefsed Savior & Redeemer on whom alone I trust for the pardon & remifsion of all my Sins & for Eternal Life & Salvation."⁷

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William Lawton was also a man of some education and culture. When he witnessed the will of John Sealy on March 13, 1737, he was the only one of the three witnesses to write his name rather than use a mark.⁸ His library at the time of his death in 1757 included "Two Volumes Family Instructor", "Driling Court", one large and two small Bibles, a "Dixionary", Burket on the New Testament, Watts Sermons, and a "lott of books". While his household contained the usual ordinary tin wear, "old dishes", trunks, etc., it also had a number of finer items, such as silver forks and spoons, china, damask table linen, curtains, "looking glasses", pictures, tea tables, desks, "teasters and valiants", "pavillions", etc. His personal wardrobe was more than adequate, as he possessed for dress occasions a broadcloth suit, a wig, gold sleeve buttons, and silver shoe buckles. For everyday wear he could select from two hats, three Fustian coats, an old Welch coat, a broadcloth coat, "Coat and Breches Bagathey", a riding coat, a callico "rapper" and a "lott of old clothes". An English horse whip and silver watch were special accessories.⁹

The William Lawton Homestead was a six hundred and sixty acre place. It was formed by a two hundred acre tract acquired from the Executors of William Tilly in May, 1744,¹⁰ and an adjoining four hundred and sixty acres purchased from ~~the~~ ^{James} Cuthbert in January, 1756.¹¹ Thirty-six slaves cultivated rice, indigo, pease, corn, and tended the four bee hives, and the birds and animals, which numbered at Captain Lawton's death: twenty-three turkeys, thirty-one fowls, fifteen geese, sixty-five cattle, thirty-six sheep, ~~and~~ ^{and six hogs} fifty-one "hogs". In maintaining this establishment, ~~some of these, and other, implements were used:~~ coopers tools, reap hooks, branding irons, spades, axes, hoes, bellows, a number of iron and earthen "potts", saws, eight rice mills, three corn mills, two spinning wheels, one quilting frame, and ^{were some of the implements needed,} channel pumps. For transportation the family used either the large or the small sailing canoe. Several guns, including one with a "Silverlight", and shrimp and fish nets helped to provide both food and pleasure.¹²

On at least two occasions Captain Lawton dealt in the money or slave market along with John Calder. Benjamin Gowen gave them a mortgage for three and William Fry executed a mortgage to them on two slaves in March, 1754, hundred pounds securing five slaves in March, 1753.¹³ for one hundred seven pounds, seven shillings, and four pence.¹⁴ At his death his estate was appraised at seven thousand, nine hundred one pounds, seven shillings, and six pence, exclusive of land, and the inventory consists of eight minutely detailed pages.¹⁵

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~~FIRST MARRIAGE~~ *First marriage*

Captain Lawton first married Mary Clarke, daughter of Jeremiah Clarke. Her sister, Martha, married Mr. Eaton and another sister, Phoebe, married William Jenkins. From the Lawton-Clarke union, four children were born: (James Clark who spelled his name with the "e" mentioned his Lawton niece and nephews in his will) ¹⁶

1. Josiah Lawton, whose will, dated October 15, 1757, designated him as a planter of St. John's Parish, Edisto Island, Colleton County. Proved on December 9, 1757, the will named his brother, William Lawton [Jr.], Isaac Rippon, and William Baynard, Executors. (This will, dated six days after the will of his father, William Lawton, speaks of land left to him by his father and was proved on the same day as that of his father. Witnesses were John Fry, Ephraim Mikell, and William Crawford. His land was devised to his brother, Jeremiah Lawton; his personal property was bequeathed to his brothers and sisters: William Lawton [Jr.], Jeremiah Lawton, Winborn Lawton, Joseph Lawton, Sarah Lawton, and Mary Lawton. ¹⁷ His estate, appraised by Daniel Townsend, David Adams, and Joseph Seabrook on January 30, 1758, was valued, exclusive of land, at one thousand, ¹⁸ fifteen pounds, fifteen shillings, and eleven pence. Apparently he died unmarried.
2. William Lawton, Jr. apparently died young and unmarried. His estate was appraised on January 1, 1759, by Daniel Townsend, ¹⁹ Andrew Townsend, and John Jenkins.
- 3.. Sarah Lawton was born in 1739, married John Seabrook, and died ²⁰ on October 21, 1798. Her descendants, including her son, William Seabrook, are treated in other articles. ²¹
4. Jeremiah Lawton died young and probably unmarried. His personal estate was appraised on May 20, 1762, for one thousand one hundred fifty-five pounds by John Fry, Joseph ^{Russell} ~~Ruppell~~, William Sealey, and Robert Seabrook. ²²

~~SECOND MARRIAGE~~ *Second marriage*

William Lawton's second marriage was to Miss Winborn. She was a daughter of Thomas Winborn, whose will dated April 14, 1753, proved January 23, 1756, denoted him as a planter of "Wadmalah Island, St. John's Parish,

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Colleton County". Winborn's will mentions, among others, his Lawton Grand-children: ²³

1. Winborn Lawton, born on Edisto in 1745, died on James Island on September 22, 1809. ²⁴ He married the widow, Mary Mathews, a daughter of Jonathan Frampton; she was born on August 22, 1749, and died on February 10, 1839. ²⁵ Mary had one son, William Mathews, by her first marriage. ²⁶ Winborn Lawton and his wife, Mary, had three children: Winborn Lawton, Jr., born 1782, died March 24, 1861; ²⁷ Beulah Lawton, who married Mr. Hughes; and William Lawton. ^{28 28}
2. Mary Lawton apparently died young and unmarried. ²⁹

~~THIRD MARRIAGE~~ *Third marriage*

Sometime after Paul Grimball died between Jan. ²⁹ 1749/50 and Jan. ³⁰ 25, 1750/51, Captain Lawton married his widow, Mary. ³¹ Said to be a Sams, it is known that she was a daughter of Susannah Winborn by a marriage other than Susannah's marriage to Thomas Winborn. ³² (Captain Lawton's second and third wives were step-sisters.) ³³ After William Lawton's death, for her third marriage, Mary married Samuel Fickling and moved from Edisto to Prince William's Parish in Granville County. ³⁴ From the Fickling marriage there were apparently no children. ³⁵ She died in St. Peter's Parish in 1804. ³⁶ Mary's Grimball children were: Providence Grimball Mikell, John Grimball, Ann Grimball Robert and Thomas Grimball. ³⁷ Her issue from the Lawton marriage: ³⁸

1. Joseph Lawton, born Edisto Island, October 18, 1753, died on March 5, 1815, ³⁹ at his Mulberry Grove Plantation on Blackswamp near Robertville, St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, to which he had moved about 1775. ⁴⁰ He married on March 18, ¹⁷⁷³ Sarah Robert, who was born at St. James Santee on February 6, 1755. ⁴¹ She was a daughter of Jacques (sometimes a grand-daughter of Pierre Robert, called James) Robert, ⁴² and a great grand-daughter of the Rev. Pierre Robert, ⁴³ the minister who came with the Huguenot Group to St. James Santee in 1686. ⁴⁴ Joseph Lawton was a Justice of the Peace and a Revolutionary officer. ⁴⁵ He, his half brother, John Grimball; his half sister, Ann Grimball Robert; along with members of the Maner, Jaudon, Robert and other related families, settled the Robertville area. ⁴⁵ Previously Episcopalians, Joseph and Sarah Lawton joined the Baptist Church there, becoming

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prominent in that denomination. She died on October 6, 1839,
at Transpine near Robertville, the summer home of her son,
Colonel Alexander J. Lawton. ⁴⁷ Her tombstone states that her
descendants then numbered one hundred and twenty-six. ⁴⁸ Termed
the Robertville, Blackswamp, and Lawtonville "Lawtons", they
are treated comprehensively elsewhere. ⁴⁹

~~His will~~ This will

William Lawton's will, dated October 9, 1757, was proved December
9, 1757. ⁵⁰ It is more probable that he died between October 9, 1757, the date
of his will, and October 15, 1757, the date of his son Josiah's will, which
speaks of the "land left to me by my father". ⁵¹ Witnessed by John Mikell,
John Fry, and John Frach, William's will named "My loving wife Mary Lawton
Executrix my loving son Josiah Lawton my loving Brother Isaac Rippon and
my loving friend William Maxwell Executors". Only Mary Lawton and Isaac
Rippon qualified as Executors.

Under the will, William's wife, Mary, received nine named Negroes
with their tools; her husband's riding horse, Friske; one-fourth of his
cattle and sheep; one-third of his household goods; and for her lifetime,
the large canoe and sails; and the tract described as "the plantation I now
live on". Besides receiving shares in the estate, each child was provided
for by specific bequest and/or devise:

Josiah Lawton: One Negro man, Cyrus; a large silver spoon; a gun;
one-half of the land "bought from Mr. Cuthbert"; and the large
canoe and sails after the death of his step-mother, Mary.

William Lawton (Jr.): A Negro man, Agram; and the other one-half
of the land "bought from Mr. Cuthbert".

Sarah Lawton: A Negro woman, Phillis; and her son, Jacob; a riding
horse and saddle.

Jeremiah Lawton: A Negro man, Amos.

Winborn Lawton: A Negro, Peter; and one Mustize girl, Chloe.

Mary Lawton: A Negro, Pegg; and a pair of "gold sleeve buttons
I now wear".

Joseph Lawton: One Negro boy, Tom; one girl, Hanna; silver watch;
silver shoe buckles, and after the death of William's widow Mary
(Joseph's mother) "the plantation I now live on".

His sons, Josiah and William Lawton, were required to "take charge

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of the Parts" of Sarah, Jeremiah, Winborn and Mary Lawton until they arrived
at nineteen or until they were married. ⁵² Joseph Lawton, the youngest child, ~~would be~~
had as his guardian his mother, the widow Mary. The other named minors
were her step-children.

~~THIS BURIAL PLACE~~

His burial place

Captain Lawton and at least one of his wives are probably buried
in two now unmarked depressions ^{near the well of a} ~~at the front of a~~ brick-enclosed plantation
cemetery in an area known as Hanahan's on Steamboat Landing Road, Edisto
Island. ⁵³ Among the graves still marked in this spot are: John Seabrook
(d. 1795); Sarah Lawton Seabrook (d. 1798); William Seabrook (d. 1836); and
Mary Ann Seabrook (d. 1836). ⁵⁴ *The depressions are near to the tomb of John Seabrook's wife Sarah Seabrook.*

This cemetery is on what William Lawton's will described as "the
plantation I now live on". It was devised to his widow Mary for life and then
to his son, Joseph Lawton. ⁵⁵ After Mary married Samuel Fickling, she released
her life interest to her son, Joseph Lawton, ⁵⁶ who in turn sold it to John
Hannahan, ^{on Dec 13, 1774. 57} ~~at about~~ the same time Joseph began acquiring tracts that became
Mulberry Grove in St. Peter's Parish. ⁵⁸ The deed from Joseph Lawton contains
this reservation: "Saving and reserving nevertheless to the said Joseph
Lawton and his heirs forever a CERTAIN BURYING Place or Grave Yard containing
one quarter of an acre within the tract of two hundred acres of land and where
the family of Lawton and other of their near kindred heretofore had been
accustomed to bury." This reservation with the right of ingress and egress
to the cemetery is mentioned in at least six different places in the deed. ⁵⁹
A number of years ago this area was divided into small tracts and sold to
Negroes. ^{58 60}

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~~FOOTNOTES~~

1. Will of William Lawton, Will Book 1767-1771, p. 507, Also Will of Josiah Lawton, Will Book 1767-1771, p. 513, Charleston County Probate Office.
2. Ibid. William Lawton Will.
3. Inventory Estate of Captain William Lawton, Inventory Book 1756-58, pp. 289-296, Charleston County Probate Office.
4. Will of James Clark, Will Book 1747-52, p. 291, Charleston County Probate Office.
5. Minutes of the Vestry of St. John's Colleton, for August 6, 1750, possession of Dalcho Historical Society, Charleston.
6. Brevard's Digest (John Hoff, Charleston, 1814) Vol. II, p. 123, A.A. 1712, P. L. 104; also, p. 127, A. A. 1757, P. L. 244-5.
7. William Lawton Will, Op. Cit.
8. Will of John Sealy, Will Book 1740-1747, p. 49, Charleston County Probate Office.
9. Inventory Estate of Captain William Lawton, Op. Cit.
10. Memorial Book, Vol. 7, pp. 436-437, S. C. Historical Commission, Columbia.
11. Ibid., pp. 141-142.
12. Inventory Estate of Captain William Lawton, Op. Cit.
13. Mortgage Book 1753, p. 696, S. C. Archives, Columbia.
14. Ibid., p. 285.
15. Inventory Estate of Captain William Lawton, Op. Cit.
16. Will of Jeremiah Clarke, Will Book 1727-1729, p. 204. Also Will of James Clark, Will Book 1747-1753, p. 291, Charleston County Probate Office.
17. Will of Josiah Lawton, Op. Cit.
18. Inventory of Estate of Josiah Lawton, Inventory Book 1758-1761, p. Charleston County Probate Office.
19. Inventory of Estate of William Lawton, Inventory Book 1758-1761, p. ^{Dr. J} ~~240-241~~ ¹¹², Charleston County Probate Office.
20. ~~Gravestones~~ ^{The South Carolina Historical & Genealogical Magazine} S. C. H. & G. Mag., Vol. ~~XX~~ ^{XVII} p. 227.
21. Ibid., Vol. ~~17~~ ^{XVII}, pp. 61-62.
22. Inventory Estate of Jeremiah Lawton, Inventory Book 1761-1763, pp. 240-241, Charleston County Probate Office.
23. Will of Thomas Winborn, Will Book 1752-1756, p. 418, Charleston County Probate Office.
24. Family Papers. Mr. Wm. E. McLeod, James Island, S. C.
25. Ibid.
26. Ibid.
27. Ibid.
28. DeSaussure's Equity Reports (Robert H. Small, Philadelphia, 1854), Vol. III, p. 198, "Ex Parte William Lawton," case heard January 1811.
29. McLeod, Op. Cit.

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30. The S. C. Historical & Gen. Mag., Vol. XXIII (April 1922), No. 2, pp. 39-41.
 31. Miller, Annie E., Our Family Circle (J. W. Burke Co., Macon, Ga., 1931), p. 393. Also Grimball Family Papers, Mrs. Marion F. Whaley, Edisto Island.
 32. Will of Susannah Winborn, Will Book 1780-1783, p. 47, Charleston County Probate Office. She was the widow of Thomas Winborn, of Wadmalaw Island. Dated Jan. 1788, it leaves one half of her personal estate to her daughter Mary Fickling for life, and the other one half to her grandchildren: Thomas Townsend, John Townsend, Abigail Townsend, and Sarah Townsend. It also states that her daughter, Susannah, by Thomas ~~Townsend~~, Winborn, married Daniel Townsend. Certain property is left to Thomas Little and to Samuel Fickling. Other property is left to other grandchildren: Susannah ~~Pike~~ Pike, Ann Ulmer, and Mary Little. By a codicil, dated Feb. 15, 1779, Susannah gave the one half share left to her daughter Mary Fickling, to Mary's three children: John Grimball, Joseph Lawton, and Ann Roberts. Witnessed by W. McGillivray, John Stanyarne, and Geo: Fickling Jun., it was proved Dec. 23, 1780.
 33. Ibid. Also Thomas Winborn Will, Op. Cit. The Thomas Winborn Will mentions his "present" wife Susannah, also a daughter ~~by his present~~ Susannah by his present wife; his sons, Samuel and Thomas Winborn; his grandchildren: Winborn Lawton, Mary Lawton, John Gibbons, and Susannah Gibbons. A bill of sale from Thomas Winborn, dated Oct. 27, 1749, (Book II, p. 59, Microfilm, S.C. Archives, Columbia) to his daughter Susannah Gibbons would indicate that Thomas Winborn had a daughter by a prior marriage who married John Gibbons.
 34. Deed Mary Fickling to Joseph Lawton, Deed Book U-6, p. 449, Charleston County R. M. C. Office.
 35. Inventory Estate Of Mary Fickling, dated Jan. 31, 1804. Family Collection of late Agnes Tison Smith, Garnett, S. C.; now in possession of A. J. Ives, Jacksonville, Fla.
 36. This may be incorrect. A gift of a slave from Mary Fickling to her grand-daughter, Mary Hadley, and ~~her brother~~ ^{grandson} Thomas Hadley, dated Oct. 3, 1803, would indicate that Mary Fickling's daughter, Mary Lawton, may have married a Hadley, for the Mary had Fickling issue who married a Hadley. Paper Smith Collection, Ibid.
 37. S. C. H. & G. Mag., Op. Cit.
 38. Mary Fickling Deed, Op. Cit. Also Miller, Op. Cit., p. 323.
 39. Tombstone of Joseph Lawton, Robertville Cemetary. Also death notice, S. C. H. & G. Mag. Vol. ~~XX~~ (1939), p. 67, citing Charleston papers ^{City Gazette} ~~of Charleston, S.C., March 18, 1815.~~
 40. ~~Miller, Op. Cit.~~ Tombstone of William Henry Lawton, Esq., Bostick Cemetary, Garnett, S.C. states he was born on Blackswamp Feb. 23, 1775. He was oldest child of Joseph and Sarah Lawton.
 41. Miller, Op. Cit., p. 323.
 42. Miller, Op. Cit.
See also Hirsch, Arthur Henry, The Huguenots of Colonial South Carolina (Athens U. Press, Durham N. C., 1928), p. 61.
 43. See References Files AA 2211 et. seq., Joseph Lawton, S.C. Archives, Columbia.
 44. Memoirs of Georgia (Atlanta, Southern Historical Association, 1895) Vol. II, pp. 396-397. Also National DAR Number 413638.
 45. United States Census, 1790. See also Miller, Op. Cit.
 46. Undated and Unidentified fragment of newspaper article written by a grandchild of Joseph and Sarah Lawton, from papers of the late Benjamin Lawton; now in possession of the writer. ~~See also~~ See also, Townsend, Leah, South Carolina Baptists (1680-1804), (The Florence Printing Co. Florence, S. C., 1935). ^{p. 51,}
somehow of Sarah Lawton states she had been a Baptist sister of her life for years.
 47. Jaudon Family Bible, data copied by Miss Lilly F. Stafford, Lawton, Olka.
 48. Tombstone: Sarah Robert Lawton, Robertville Cemetary, Robertville, S.C.

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Hirsch*

49. See Miller, Op. Cit., pp. 323-389.
Also, Willis, Anne Willingham, A Family History (Higgins-McArthur Co., Atlanta, Ga.) 1946), pp. ~~65-80~~ 65-80.
Also, McCall, Ettie Tidwell, McCall-Tidwell and Allied Families (Privately Printed, Atlanta, Ga., 1931), p. 581, et seq.
Note: Joseph Lawton has been erroneously called Joseph Lawton, Jr. See Note 82.
50. William Lawton Will, Op. Cit.
51. Josiah Lawton Will, Op. Cit.
52. William Lawton Will, Op. Cit.
53. Letter, Mr. William E. Seabrook, (March 24, 1957) of Edisto Island, to the writer.
54. Plantation Cemetery, Edisto Island.
55. ~~Will of William~~ William Lawton Will, Op. Cit.
56. Mary Fickling Deed, Op. Cit.
57. Deed Joseph Lawton and his wife Sarah Lawton of Granville County to John Hanahan. Deed Book U-6, p. 450, Charleston County RM R. M. C. Office. Witnesses were Elias Robert, John Audebert, and Charles ~~Amonet~~ Amonet. This deed recites that the property had been devised to Joseph Lawton, under the will of his father, William Lawton, subject to the life estate of Joseph's mother, Mary Lawton; that Joseph's mother, Mary, had subsequently remarried Samuel Fickling, and had released the property to her son.
William The deed states that the premises were originally granted to Benjamin Willman, and had become the property of the late William Lawton through Divers conveyances. From a comparison of the description in the Wilman Grant. It uses the bounding land-owners from the Willman Grant (May 14, 1707), the Deed from the Executors of William Tilly to William Lawton (~~Op. Cit.~~) and the then-current boundaries... "A tract of two Hundred Acres of Land, divided from and out of a larger Tract of three hundred acres originally Granted to Benjamin Willman... which said tract is distinguished by a dividing line on the original plat... bounding on the South by one hundred Acres part of the said Three Hundred Acres, now belonging to the personage of a Baptist Congregation, picked off the original Plat and distinguished by the said line to the West on Lands then belonging to Archibald Calder, now Ephraim Mickels, to the North on a Creek out of North Edisto River, and to the East on Lands formerly belonging to John Frampton, now John Seabrooks...2
58. Deed Thomas Daniel to Joseph Lawton, Deed Book Z4, p. 425, Charleston County RM.C.
Also deed Elias Robert to John Hanahan, New York R. 5, p. 240
59. Deed Joseph Lawton to John Hanahan. Op. Cit.
60. Seabrook Letter. Op. Cit.

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Albion 3C
Aug 22-1957

Dear Florence.

Thank you for sending this to me. It is most interesting! Still hope to see you soon.

Don't forget to get your dryer & Confed. bills together so I can contact you for you. I believe you'll have the proper "care." And I believe among his papers is the will of Mary — Grinbace Salton Tierling, because I found an inventory of her estate that said her personal property was to be sold in accordance with the terms of her will. One paper found about her said she lived in Prince William's Parish - she also had land next to Joseph in St. Peter's Parish. So she may be buried in some plantation cemetery in either Parish.

In Col. I found a deed from a Wm. Sam, of Wadmalaw in 1738 to his sons, Joseph & Robert & Edw. This was before the days of dower releasing, so no release was made to Edw's wife. Do you think she was Susannah. I would so like to have this point straightened & verified, for my paper is ready to go to print, except for that. Come to see us. Love you all.

Fondly,
Tom

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1957

Dear Florence,

The past weeks have been so full that I've had little time of my own. I'd hoped to come to see you, so that's why I've not written sooner. However, Ben and I don't do very much traveling because we're expecting our first child in October. Last week we did take off for several days for Edisto Island (I hadn't been away from ^{the} office for over a day in almost a year). It was grand, but though we couldn't travel down side roads. Thus, I didn't even get to "our cemetery". After October, Mr. McLeod & I hope to "poke around on farms, Wadswade, & Edisto for clues. I hope Will also be asleep then, we hope!

Mr. Meriwether has offered to microfilm Jen's collection, returning the originals to him. Jen wrote he may consider this. I pray he will, for they should be there, ^{permanently} would have access to them. If you'd get your stamps and Confed. money together, I could write him, and he may trade with you! That would be grand. I'd like to see what you have before writing him. I believe we'll find Mary's will in them, since there was an inventory of her estate which said her personal property had been sold in accordance

with the terms of her will. Another paper I
found was from Mary Trisling to 2
orphans named Hadley. Is it
a puzzle, eh? Did you ever find your
reference in St. Helena's register saying
Wm. Lawton married Mary Stoney?

When you come to Allendale on
Sundays, please come to see us. It would
be wise to 'phone first - either at my
residence, 2529, or at Mother's, ~~2534~~
2534. Some people call the office by mistake -
it's 2385; so don't make that mistake.

Come to see us, and give our love to all.

Truly,
Love
Lawton

Beaufort Collection Includes Many Old Letters, Documents

"On and After This Date, No Person Will Be Allowed to Visit My Farm Without Written Invitation," Notice Reads

By CHLOTILDE R. MARTIN

Beaufort, Dec. 26.—Special: Miss Florrie Lawton, of Beaufort, has by natural inclination and industry, made herself a repository for facts relating to events, places and people of the low-country. She is a sort of self-made historian, and collector, as it were, and has in her possession a veritable wealth of information concerning various happenings in the history of this section and of many people who brought them to pass. Miss Lawton makes no particular effort to classify her information, but has it, in the form of letters, photographs, manuscripts and objects. They are packed away in bureau and—drawers, in her home, and pasted to overflowing into scrap books.

She has been gathering information since she was twelve years old, she says, prompted by a healthy curiosity in people and things. She keeps newspaper and magazine clippings, supplementing them more richly by letters and statements from the people concerned. When she wants to know something, she merely sits down, writes letters and asks questions. She has a natural instinct for preserving those documents which are most interesting and has in her possession letters which are more than a hundred years old, which tell of history-making events.

Letters from General

Two of these letters were written by Gen. Abraham Eustis, of the north, who, through his wife, a Miss Izard, became one of the first owners of Tomotley plantation, Beaufort county. General Eustis' letters were addressed to Joseph Hazell, who was in charge of the plantation, and were before the time of mails and such things as envelopes and stamps. One was written in December of 1830, from Fayetteville, N. C., and was sent by a slave on horseback. It was sealed with wax. On the outside below and to the left of the address, are the words: "By Quanina with a bundle for Lenty." A letter from A. G. Rose to Mr. Hazell was dated Charleston, October 18, 1855, and conveys the strange information: "Last Thursday being Thanksgiving day here . . ." Charleston was obviously a law unto itself even where Thanksgiving was concerned in those days.

Still another letter from Legare & Colcock, Charleston cotton factors, written in 1860, spoke of selling cotton at 37½ cents per pound, explaining as their reason for not holding it for 40 cents in part as

hall. And of interest to us all should be the question: "Where was Maybank street?" One Etienne Tuvron in making his will in 1729 describes a town lot "in front on the Broad street wherein the market is now kept, to the northwest on a street laid out on the Town Plott and known by the name of Maybank street."

In addition to Dr. Shecut and Charles Fraser the sources consulted in this article were the Charleston Directories for 1807 and 1809 and the manuscript notes of Mr. Wilmot DeSaussure on streets and public buildings. These sources do so much to perpetuate the traditions of our city, that the object of this article is more to condense their remarks rather than to furnish original source material.

following: "and indeed whether the government may not attempt coercion which would commence by blockade—"

These letters are yellowed with age, but the writing is perfectly legible and the ink has not faded at all.

Among the articles in Miss Lawton's possession is the slave title of a child of five years named Cyrus, owned by Mary E. George, of Georgia. The title is dated 1860. She also has a collection of moneys of all kinds. One of the last named is a Confederate five dollar bill, which was cut into fifty cents bills. She also has a list of the members of the Ashley Dragoons, Company H, 3rd. regiment, S. C. V., commanded by Colonel Colcock.

The Johnson Notice

The most amusing document owned by Miss Lawton, which is of particular interest to the people of Beaufort, many of whom knew the eccentric author until his death in his nineties a few years ago, is a notice, printed upon cloth, dated June 1, 1876, and signed by C. S. Johnson. Copies of this sign were tacked upon trees about his place, and proved to be such a curiosity that it is said many northern people obtained copies and took them away with them for preservation. The notice is headed: "Hands off!" and reads as follows:

"On and after this date, no person will be allowed to visit my farm without a written invitation signed by myself.

"No fruit to give away.

Cash or its equivalent will be required for all fruit disposed of, none gathered except by myself and none for sale at the farm at any price.

"The above regulations are made necessary:

"First: By the persistent efforts of those who refuse to regard fruit as property, but unhesitatingly appropriate to their own selfish purpose the labor and toil of years.

"Second: The impossibility of the Proprietor getting his pants on in time after the arrival of a raid during the warm season. Annoyances under this head have caused me much improper language and serious reflections.

No Bogus Friendships

"Third: A desire to evangelize the human race.

"These rules will be strictly enforced. Fraudulent affections, bogus friendship and other transparencies vanishing with the close of the fruit season will secure no privileges and the same are hereby abolished as well as imaginary verbal invitations.

"All violations settled in court.

"Remember what befell Adam and Eve."

This sign is reminiscent of some of the later ones posted at intervals in the trees surrounding Smith Johnson's property just across the river on Ladies' Island. He was a venerable, white-haired, white bearded old gentleman, who lived alone in the queer old shack he had built for himself in a most beautiful location in the woods. He was very generous and kind to those who struck his fancy and very bitter and unrelenting toward those whom he disliked. His slender figure, clothed alike in summer and winter in blue denim, topped by one of those shell-shaped straw hats, was a familiar sight on the

P.S. Dear Phoebe Johnston
I would love an answer

1102 C Ave
Lawton, Okla
Aug 2, 1957

Dear Cousin Florence: -

(Miss Lily Stafford)

Was so glad to have your letter a short time after I reached home from my wonderful trip to South Carolina and the wonderful time I had there at the reunions of my kin folks. I had seen only three of you before, and had also corresponded with Cousin Carrie Lee Kalber.

But everyone was so kind, accepted me because I am a Lawton, and did so much for me. I am so very happy that I went and am still spending part of each day in the memory.

Thank you so much for the Confederate bill. Is it one that has been in your family all this time? My father said

he remembered that grand father had a small box full of Confederate bills, but he supposed the family gave them away, when it moved to Mo.

I am the president of our U. D. C. chapter here, and I plan to take this bill to our first fall meeting & display it.

I was especially happy that I could see you and your two sisters at the reunion if only for a short time. Perhaps can see more of you next year if I can come back.

As you probably know by this time, Thomas O. Sawtrey Jr. took Cousin Carrie Lee and me around Sund. morning and then we went to his parents house for dinner. Later Cousin Jennie took me to my train. So I had a wonderful day.

I think in a few³ days now I
can have picture of the church &
copy of flower plans & send to
you. No, the picture of silver of
the church was not mine.

No, I do not have a picture of
Theriza Eliza Sawton Polhill. She
died so young, but I do have a
new paper picture of her daughter
Sarah Theriza Polhill Jaudon,
who was my great grandmother.

I shall be glad to have copies
of any material you have, and
I thank you for all the information
you gave me in this letter.

I saw the graves of Rev. Joseph James Saw-
ton and his wife at Smyrna. They must
have returned to S. C. from Miss. & La.

I had never been to Smyrna
before. Uncle Ben Sawton is bur-
ied there too. His wife was a half
sister to my great grandmother
Sarah Theriza Polhill.

I had a good visit with my

friend in Ark. on my way
home.

Both of my sisters have been
much interested in my trip to
the reunion and what I learn-
ed there.

I have been very busy since
coming home. First I had
some tutoring to do, that I had
promised to do.

Then I have had some re-
decorating done on my house.
And that called for house
cleaning.

We have planned an A. D. C.
year book.

And I have been doing some
volunteer work in Comanche
County Historical Museum.

Our weather has been hot
but not as bad as last sum-
mer. Hope you and your sis-
ters have kept well. Love
Lilly Stafford

Beaufort Township Library

MABEL RUNNETTE, Librarian

Beaufort, S. C.

July 25 1956

Dear Miss Lawton;

It was nice hearing from you and I only wish I had a copy of the paper you want; I would gladly send it to you. About ten years ago Mrs. Allan Paul wrote a sketch of Robertville for the Historical Society-she evidently borrowed from some one a copy of an Hampton paper for she has incorporated in her paper quotations from it. I remember her telling me that she talked with people from Robertville and Gillisonville and Ridgeland-she also corresponded with Mrs. Perry. But no where is there any sign of the newspaper itself.

Mrs. Paul's paper is typed and bound in pamphlet form and is kept in the Library but it is the property of the Historical Society.

We seem to have all copies of the Gazette and will not need yours, though many thanks for the offer. We still have the Palmetto Post you gave me. When in Beaufort, come in to see us.

Most sincerely yours,

Mabel Runnette

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ALLENDALE, SOUTH CAROLINA

ROBERT E. MCNAIR
THOMAS O. LAWTON, JR.

TELEPHONE
2385

July 24th

Dear Florie and Edelle,

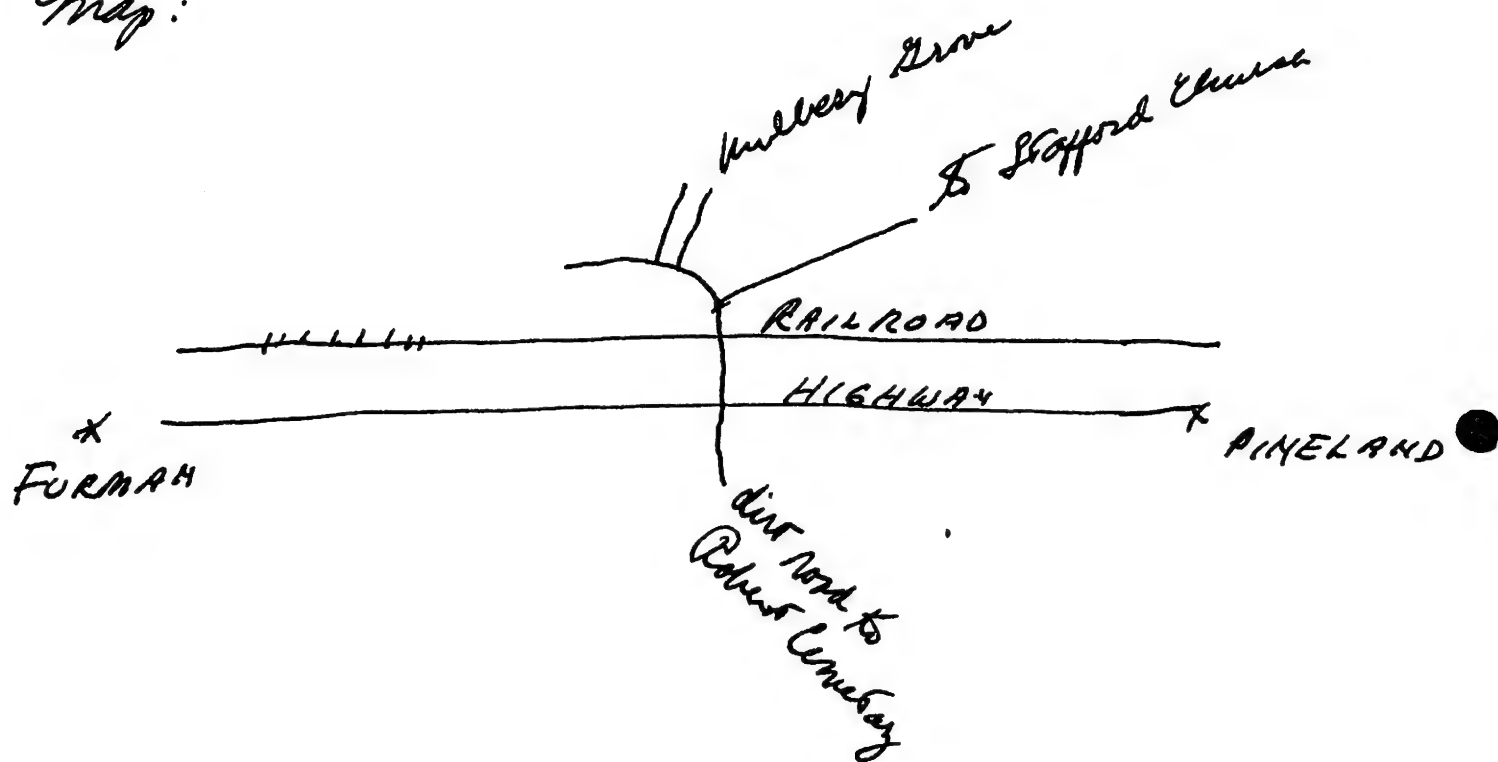
Cousin Brooks and I so enjoyed our visit with you that I hope we didn't overstay our welcome!

I also want to thank you very much for the Confederate money which you sent to me by Mother.

This past Sunday on ^{our} way to Hilton Head, had took us to Mulberry Grove, which had been the Fenton Place, then was in the possession of Alec Goethe, and now belongs to a Mr. John Morrell of Savannah. He was not at home, and we could not get past the doorman, so
(over)

the head of which the current owner has installed beautiful white posts with iron gates. We did not find the caretaker, but left a card at a tenant house so someone could write us Mr. Merrill's address. Following is a rough

map:



When the crossing is, there is a small sign "to Stafford Baptist Church". You can see the gate from the crossing. There is no sign at the gate, and we do not know what the present

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ROBERT E. MCNAIR
THOMAS O. LAWTON, JR.

TELEPHONE
2385

owner call the place. However, a Mr. Fater who gave us directions said the place used to be known as Mulberry Grove. I do hope the present owner will be cordial.

In my opinion your evidence as to William Fater seems very convincing. I don't believe Brooks will change his mind yet, however. I would have offered to copy the will and the release papers, but I know they are too precious for you to let them out of your possession, even for a short while.

We did appreciate your nice note, & the picture of Fater Hall. Come to see us.

Truly,
Don

June 21, 1956

Miss Florence J. Lawton
Hampton, S.C.

Dear Cousin Flobbie —

Have just been
able to secure a copy of the little
picture of Lawton Hall you asked
for sometime ago. Sorry for the delay —

Surely hope you will be able to
get to the Lawton Reunion on July 7 —
at Alledale — You would be missed
if you were not there! Under
doctor's orders I keep pretty quiet —

but I manage to have a happy time —
God has been very, very good to me —
With affectionate regards to you and
your sisters from Luebi & your cousin
Walter Lawton

LAW OFFICES
McNAIR & LAWTON
MEMORIAL AVENUE
ALLENDALE, SOUTH CAROLINA

ROBERT E. McNAIR
THOMAS O. LAWTON, JR.

TELEPHONE
2385

June 21, 1957

Dear Cousin Florrie:

Thank you for your notes. I am pleased to send you my copy of Captain William Lawton's Estate Inventory, as well as the Will of Thomas Winborn. When you have made notes from them, please return, as they are my only copies. I do wish I could have them copied for you, but our secretary has so much to do, that she has no free time whatsoever, and I am just about as "snowed under."

I am so glad you like our new purchase. We feel that it can be made into a lovely place, and the interior is especially pretty. We have good tenants there and will not move for several years, as our house is comfortable for us at present. But we are proud of the Palmer House.

I do so want some authenticating data on the first Winborn Lawton and his grant about 1667. Have you ever written the Archives at Columbia about this?

Jess Ives was very nice, but he's more interested in stamps than in papers. All I got was the notes I sent you, but he invited me to Jacksonville to look at his papers at my leisure. Despite my desires, when I can get there is another question. He's not sure what he will do with them, but he did not "cotton" to the idea of depositing them with the Archives, where they would be preserved and made available to posterity. He still might give them to some member of the family who appreciates them. Naturally I would love to have them, but a number of them are not of interest to the Lawton Family.

Please try to push the sale of Our Family Circle in your area. If we don't sell sufficient copies to pay the costs, the project will fail.

Bess is in Chester for a visit, or I would ask you to stop by to see us on your next trip. Later in the summer we do want you all to come to see us.

Fondly,

Jon

Allendale, South Carolina

Friday, November 22, 1957

Dear Florie,

The gown you sent Sonny is an elegant gift, and I know he'll enjoy using it. You were so thoughtful to remember him in such a wonderful way. Ben will write you soon.

Of course, we're proud to have such a wonderful son. He appeared on the scene weighing ten pounds, four ounces, and since that time he continues to thrive in spite of occasional attacks of

Colic.

Jon has left some of the paper for
me to have copied - Mary Lickling Thayer,
etc. When I go to him I'll remember
you. I'd hoped to take him on down
to see you in case you could make
a deal with the stamps and Confederate
money. He was on his way to Brevers
for the weekend but had to hurriedly
return to Jacksonville. He says he'll
see you when he gets back up, probably
in the spring or early summer.

Please let's continue to do research
re the military career of Jack Carter.
Right now I can hardly move.

Trying to help Ben at home, a sick
law partner, and Dad in the hospital
at Charleston, not to mention my pro-
fessional commitments. Now, I've not
even seen Cars to discuss family reunion
dates. But things must lighten some
day.

Truly,
Tom

June 28, 1957

Dear Florie,

Thank you for the copy of the data on Brooke's grandfather. It is most interesting. I am so glad you could copy my Thomas Winborn will & Wm. Lawton Estate Inventory.

By the way, one reason I feel the Winborn Lawton Tradition - Oyster Point - 1667, etc. is erroneous is because Captain William Lawton married second Miss Winborn - daughter of Thomas Winborn and a wife, other than Susannah. Captain Wm. Lawton & his wife (Miss Winborn) named their son, Winborn, for her father, not his.

I believe Captain Wm. Lawton was the first Lawton to come to Carolina. Someday we may find more on this.

By the way, I paid someone to check the records on Joseph Lawton's revolutionary record in Columbia. They could find nothing. I wonder if there is anything about him at the War Dept. The La. references will not suffice for the Cincinnati.

I expect to see Jess this next weekend & will tell him about your stamps. He must be handled "with care". Should he want to see you, I'll bring him down. I'll explain more about this matter. He's already said something about "curiosity seekers".

Come to see.

Truly,
Tom

"Columbian Museum & Savannah Advertiser"

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NOTICE

Any person having demands against the Estate of the late John Audibert, deceased, will please to render them in, attested, on or before the first day of November next; and those indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make payment by that day, to

JUDITH AUDIBERT, Administratrix

JOSEPH LAWTON, Administrator.

Black-Swamp, S. C.

June 24, 1796

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"Columbia Museum & Savannah Advertiser"

Friday, March 23, 1798

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INFERIOR COURT

Chatham County, December Term, 1797.

On the petition of George Woodruff, esquire, Attorney for Joseph Lawton, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of John Audibert deceased, stating that for the payments of the debts due by said estate, it is necessary that the following tracts of Land be sold, viz.

One tract of three hundred acres, situate on Tuckaseedling Creek, and Savannah River, and

One tract of five hundred acres on Ogeechee River, within the county of Scriven,

It is ordered that publication be made for nine months in one of the Gazettes of this State, agreeable to law,

Extract from the Minutes,

JUSTUS H. SCHREIBER, C. I. C. C. C.

Savannah, Dec. 16 1797.

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Need not return -

*Copied by
Miss Patti M. Bostick,
102 E Park Ave.,
Savannah, Ga*

WALTER T. LAWTON
1328 PONCE DE LEON AVE., N.E.
ATLANTA 6, GA.

Notice is hereby Given,
That an application will be made to the Justices of the Inferior Court, for the county of Chatham, for leave to sell the following tracts of Land, situate in Effingham and Scriven counties, the property of the estate of John Audebed, deceased--viz.

One tract of 150 Acres.

One ditto of 50 ditto.

One ditto of 500 ditto.

One ditto of 300 ditto.

One ditto of 200 ditto.--By

JOSEPH LAWTON, Administrator.

January 29, 1799.

Identical Notice as above also in "Columbia Museum & Savannah Advertiser" on Friday, July 5, 1799, Vol. IV, No. 36, Whole No. 349, Page 2, column 3.

GEORGIA) By Edward White, Esq. of Probates for the county
(L.S.)) of Chatham in the State aforesaid
Ed. White)

Whereas Joseph Lawton, hath made application to me for Letters of Administration on the estate and effects of John Audebert, late of South-Carolina, planter, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, on the 16th day of April next, to shew cause (if any they have) why Letters of Administration should not be granted him.

Given, under my hand and seal, in the city of Savannah, the 16th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1799, and in the 23rd year of American Independence.

*Name illegible from wear and tear. Possibly, there was a i preceding eg and d before ar, but each was quite light.

"Georgia Gazette"

No. 986

Thursday September 16, 1802

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The following melancholy accident happened in St. Peter's parish on the 28th August last: Mr. Charles Jaudon, about 20 years of age, son of Mr. Elias Jaudon, and his brother, went into a corn field to shoot crows, when unfortunately his gun went off accidentally, and the whole load was discharged in his body, which put an immediate period to his life; his brother was about 20 yards distant when the gun went off. A jury of inquest was held on the body by Joseph Lawton, esq. which brought in their verdict accidental death. He was a young man of most excellent understanding, and bid fair to be an ornament to his country; his loss is a severe stroke upon his aged parent and relatives.

"Georgia Republican"

Tuesday, June 24, 1806

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Whole Number 386

MARRIED—At Black-Swamp S. C. by the Reverend Alexr. Scott, Captain THOMAS POLHILL, junr. to Miss THUZZA LAWTON, daughter of Joseph Lawton, Esq.



HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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COLUMBIA, S. C. October 20, 1917.

Dear Miss Lawton,

The State of South Carolina has no record & from which genealogies can be worked. Material of that character maybe found in the parish registers of the Low-Country, ^{the wills are} in the probate court in Charleston, in deeds in the residue conveyance office in Charleston and in the newspaper files in the Charleston Library.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Salley, Jr.

McLarn & Sister think of sending Robby to Yorkville, they first
of September to the Military School & there are ten or twelve
Boys going from Beaufort. it is said to be a fine institution.
his Parents say they know they will miss him very much he is
such an obliging good natured fellow Beaufort Aug 18th 1856
in fact we will all feel his absence keenly but we hope it is for the
best. he is perfectly willing to go & I sincerely hope that he will do well.

My Beloved Mother

Fathers very affectionate & acceptable
letter was received by last Friday's Boat for which
I thank him very much we look anxiously every Friday
for the Boat hoping as usual that there is a letter
for one of us from Father or yourself, we are indeed
pained to learn that our dear Lady & Brother
Robert are both suffering so much the former
poor soul we sincerely hoped had passed through
the most of her suffering & we were flattering
ourselves that she would soon be quite well
again. But we will still hope for the best. With
regard to dear Brother Robert I must confess that
I was shocked when I heard that he had ^{ge}hemorrhage
of the lungs. the last letter that I received from
Anna she mentioned that his health had
improved a great deal & that he looked much
better - I hope he may be prevailed upon to come
down to Beaufort I feel persuaded that the change
will prove beneficial to him. Bay point is crowded
at present there are ninety odd persons down
there now but I hope that some who are
down there will soon be coming up. Mr R. says that
he will do all in his power to obtain if only one
room & take him there. With regards to the Yellow

fever it is really so that it is in Charleston & Savannah but we do earnestly hope & pray that it will not reach Beaufort - Should it increase there, & if there is any probability of its reaching us, Mr. R. says that he will not hesitate to leave Beaufort immediately he can procure lumber here & with our carpenters & the assistance of others he could soon have a house building put up on Bay point sufficiently large to accommodate Mr. Sam's family & ours. We beg therefore that Mother & yourself will not be distressed about us. we passed through too much anxiety of mind the last time to remain here again. It is thought by every one that the severe storm that we had that year was the cause of its reaching Beaufort - There was a great deal of sediment deposited about the streets occasioned by the tides overflowing them which caused a very unpleasant smell. Beaufort is very healthy at present there are only a few cases of fever in the upper part of the town. Near the pond Mrs. Ewen & Philip have been sick for upwards of a week with fever & Thomas Ellis also - Sister has been quite indisposed for some time, time with a severe cold & cough but she is much better now. I also feel better than I did. Richy & myself have both had two fits of fever lately but by taking medicine & a quantity of quinine we succeeded in breaking it. Rich looks very thin & badly but

he is very cheerful & full of mischief & kept him
from school one week, but he has been head of
his class for a month & he was not willing to lose
his place by staying at home, he is improving very
fast & is quite an ambitious little fellow. he is
now spelling in six syllables studies dictionary with
meaning & has commenced writing he says he wants to
make a smart man if he lives. & I add a proud
good man. Sister & myself have both been fatiguing
a good deal lately in arranging for our children's parties
they have been invited to several this summer & we did
not like them to attend without giving in return. but
I am very glad that we have got over the trouble &
in expense, for this time we were completely foundered
by night. Sister's children had theirs last Friday
week & our children the following Monday. I found
Mrs Oswald very kind, she was with me almost
all day & displayed a great deal of taste in arrang^{ing}
the table, it was beautiful. There were ninety one
children at it of all ages they seemed to enjoy
themselves very much. Even the little Addy attended
the parties but when the children begin to
rave about she tells her Momma to hold her
hand so that they will not hurt her she seldom
stays to the supper but the Ladies give her
a good supply of nice things to bring home
Carol & Ricky are so delighted that they would
be willing to stay until twelve if they were allowed
Sally also delights in them but John will not attend
them

Lewis cannot be prevailed upon to join. Not even
when his Brothers & Sisters had Company & he spent
the Evening with Mr Montague, Sister & myself
could not help wishing that we could get some
of the Ice Cream & other things up to all of you
Carol & Addy begged that we would send
up the Country for their little Cousin. little
knowing the distance - dear little Livy has out
six teeth & is as fat as a rice bird & as quiet
& sweeter than ever. I wrote to Lady & Anna on
Saturday & thought it best to direct this letter
to Barnwell, not knowing exactly where you are.
I have no doubt dear Mother that your presence will
cheer dear Lady a great deal also Brother Robert do
Mother will you try & prevail on him to come down
as soon as possible. I have written to beg him to come
Sister is writing to Lady & Anna today she along
with Mr Sam & Reynolds unite with me in much
love to Father & yourself & the Children all unite
in much love & many Regrets to their dear Grandparents
& little Livy sends a double share to her Grandmamma
This letter was written last Monday I had not heard that
the Boat would leave Sunday Night so that it has been
in the house until today which is Saturday since writing
above I have received a letter from our dear Lady & she
mentioned that she was still suffering very much. Brother
mentioned that the war still suffering him every
day - Lady mentioned that they had summoned him
to work the Road & it was uncertain when he would be
down - but her letter has been written three weeks ago
& has just reached us. We feel very anxious to hear
from Lawtonville now hope & trust that ere this
both of them are much better. Danny has slow fever almost
every day which makes him look very badly. The Atlanta
have made their appearance on St Helena they will fear
I hope reach whoping that Father & yourself with the rest
of the family are quite well & conclude dear Mother by remaining
Ann E. Reynolds

On board Collier Agar, at sea,
Off the Cuban Coast,
Sept. 7th 1905

My dear girls,

Your letter reached me several days ago and (should have been answered sooner. I have no apology to make except that I am an old procrastinator when it comes to corresponding and don't desire to have such nice letters written me at all. Well here I am on this fine ship on my way home at last and what a joyous thought it is too. I know you will all be glad too for many reasons. Your "sissy" won't have to come away off to this outlandish place for one thing and my home in Beaufort will not be broken up either. This is certainly a fine big ship, 5000 tons of coal is her cargo when loaded, of course we have no cargo now. The ship being on her way to Norfolk for a load. I have a lovely room all to myself beautifully furnished and sitting at my own desk. Writing this, also a Chinese boy to wait on me, fine eh? All the officers from the Capt. down are lovely to me and try to do all they can to make me feel comfortable and at home so there seems to be no reason why I should not have a very pleasant voyage. We left Guantanamo Bay at 7.00 a.m. and are now on our way to Santiago with the tug Puacook in tow. The Puacook is going

to Santiago for repairs to her boilers and
is in such a bad shape she has to have as-
sistance. We are not going into the harbor of
Santiago however but will turn her loose
just outside and then proceed on our way
upcoming. We expect to arrive at Norfolk
next Tuesday the 12th inst and I will start
for home with as little delay as possible so
should arrive in Beaufort about the 15th or 16th
of the month. I wrote Lill a letter this morning
too and have directed it to Beaufort as I do
not know whether she has gone to your home or
not, if she is with you, ask her to meet me at
home about the 14th or 15th can't tell exactly
what day I will arrive. I am going to send
this letter as now by the tug which we will be going
and it will be mailed in Santiago. Hope you
will get it without delay. He will be off San-
tiago in an hour or so now and I will see
the place where the famous sea fight with
the Spaniards took place in 1898 and where
Robson sank the "Muninac," fine eh? Don't
you wish you were with me this morning girls?
Well I must ring off for this time and go on
deck and admire the scenery along the coast, we
are not over 14 miles from the shore. Give love to
Mother and Aggie for me and tell them I hope to
see them soon. With lots of love,

I remain, your fond brother
James.

Fishermans Point
Caimanua, Cuba

Aug. 9th, 1905

My dear Florie

Yours and Louella's letters came this A. M. so glad to get them. Letters from home are my only real pleasure here, so knowing this I hope you won't spare them. This is a sort lonely place, we are away off from everywhere. High mountains on all around, but no one lives on the U. S. territory except employees of the Government and they are very few so far. The U. S. own about 10 square miles of land here, quite a big piece eh. Then a six war ships at anchor in the bay in front of our house - now their lights look very pretty at night and they seem to live up between deserted bay. I am so glad you are so comfortably fixed Florie and I hope you will keep real well this summer and not have a spell like you had last year. I got a letter from Sue yesterday in which she says she and Edna are well and getting fat also that they were expecting Holbrook and Louella down for the first week in this month so expect they are all there by this time and enjoying themselves together. I wish I could be with them, would not that be fine. Don't you tell me about those peaches, my mouth sure watered when I read about them. We get bananas, mangoes, pines and plantains & have fruit too, but nothing can touch a good ripe peach in my estimation. I will tell you all about my travels when I see you again. Would take too much paper and ink to do justice to the subject. I will try and run up to see you when I return home in October. So love plenty

of good things to eat when I come. We have
very good food in our mess here, get our groceries
from N. Y. on the steamer twice a month, we
get fresh meat, fruit and vegetables from the
city of Guantanamo which is 15 miles from
the town of Caimanera at the head of the Bay. We
have a naphtha launch which makes daily
trips to Caimanera for mail and marketing. There
are 13 Americans here, I mean members of our
mess, all jolly fellows, so we have lots of fun
among our selves, you see we are thrown entirely
upon our own resources for amusement. You
speak of us going to church. I wish there was
a church and rectory I could go to. There are no
churches of any kind nearer than Guantanamo
and that is twenty miles away. Last Sunday
I read all the forenoon and after dinner wrote
letters and went ~~backing~~ ~~and~~ ~~golfing~~. I do not go
out very far to swim as large sharks abound
and I am dreadfully afraid of them. And be-
sides the sharks they have a large fish called
"Yanacouta" which is said to be even more
dangerous to swimmers. I go in bathing every
day, sometimes twice a day. The beach is not
so far from our front door, beautiful
clear water and a flat sand floor so the
facilities for bathing are fine. I will not write
to Louella this time as she is no doubt at home
in this. Her next letter will tell me and I will
write her there. Give my love to Mother, Aggie
and the other girls. Tell Minnie I sent her a con-
solation card today. Hope she continues to improve &
will soon be herself again. Give my regards to
Minnie Martin too. Write me again soon.

Your fond brother
James.

1102 C Ave
Lawton, Okla.
July 12, 1941

Dear Cousin Florence: -

You will be surprised to hear from me after our long silences. I hope you and your sisters are well and enjoying life.

I am well but extremely busy. My dear father is still with me, but is very feeble. I dress him every morning and he comes to table for his meals, by holding to objects as he walks. He told a caller yesterday that he was old and fading away. I think that expresses the situation very well. He is fairly comfortable - not nervous, and never complains. He seems serene and contented. And his mind is clear as ever, so I have many things to be thankful for. Father is now $87\frac{1}{2}$ years old. He has lived such a clean honorable life.

I must tell you now how thrilled I'm

been for two or three weeks. I finally
found a young Jordon cousin in
Kansas City, Mo. who had inherited
my great grandfather, Benjamin
Jordon's, family Bible. I asked for a
loan and he sent it to me. My great grand
mother was Sarah Thirza Polhill. They
put the births, marriages, and deaths of
their parents in also so I found the
date of birth of my great-great grand
mother, Thirza Eliza Lawton. I re-
member that you wrote asking me
for that date once. I wonder if you
found it? Here it is, Thirza Eliza Lawton
born Sept. 17, 1787. She was born at Black
Swamp the Bible says - I suppose on
the Mulberry Grove plantation. I am
having certified copies of this Bible record
made. Father has enjoyed seeing this
old Bible, for he remembers his grand-
father well.

Please write to us. It does Father so
much good to hear from some one in
South Carolina. Write soon. Love, Lily Stapp

St. Matthews, S. C., April 29, 1924.

My dearest Mamma:

No time to write you a long letter now as I am busy, but I received your letter this morning and the paper. About the shelf in the kitchen, if it is in Mrs. McGees way and Sister thinks it is possible to have it taken down without doing much damage to the walls, let her have it taken down. As well as I remember it was very substantially nailed to that Plaster Board and I am afraid it will be a hard matter to get it down. Another thing it will leave the wall looking badly where the boards comes from as the kitchen was painted after the shelf was put up. I will leave it to them to do whatever they think best. I was never satisfied with that shelf arrangement myself as I planned badly for it. I knew as soon as someone moved in with kitchen furniture it would have to come down as it would be in the way, still when Mrs. Eve was there it was needed badly.

Now about another meter: If we have another meter put in, we will have to pay \$3.30 again for water and lights every month for all time as that will be the flat rate. In the case with the McGees they probably are allowed water and lights free of cost, yet I do not know if he is why he wants to put in a meter for himself, yet if they are going to use an electric stove they should certainly be on a separate meter from us as we cannot afford the expense. If another meter is put in, let it be put somewhere upstairs. I think preferably in the hall, or somewhere where the man can get to it without having to come into our rooms, as it is more convenient than to have him coming in on us at all times. You see, the meter is already down stairs in the kitchen for the whole house and if we separate let the new meter be put in upstairs and connect wires for the lower floor on the meter for the downstairs. Let the front hall light down stairs be connected to the lower floor meter, so if I ever divide the house and have another entrance I will not have to bother with the meter again. Let only the UPstairs lights be connected to the meter for the upstairs. We can use the light upstairs at the head of the steps for lighting the steps if we want to instead of the hall light on the first floor, unless of course the McGees keep it burning for themselves. Of course, I don't want this part mentioned to the McGees about the lighting of the hall, but you may tell them I want all down stairs lights attached to downstairs meter if we are going to put in the extra meter. I will not go to the expense of this myself. If Mr. McGee wants to put it in at his expense it will be all right with me, but I cannot

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go to any further expense in the way of improvements for the rent of \$30.00 per month. I really prefer only having the one meter for the average person who takes the lower floor could get the water and lights cheaper by its being on the one meter, and it is cheaper for us also, still I will let them have the privilege of putting in the meter if they wish to do so at their own expense, and this meter to be put in upstairs. Sister will understand what I mean. It will be a matter of changing the wires to the lower meter and putting in another one on the second floor, and connecting the wires to that one.

I am mailing your letter to Estelle and will send her the paper later when I have had a minute to read it. I had a card from Florie she is doing fine and having a good time she says. I am glad she is taking a longer rest as she needed it.

I know you tax your eyes writing such long letters but we are so glad to hear all you write. I will always forward your letters to Estelle so you won't have to write but the one.

Affectionately,

Edna.

I saw Bob when he passed through here Saturday about eleven o'clock on his way home.

The Conservation Society of South Carolina
TO RESTORE, PERPETUATE AND INCREASE
NATURAL RESOURCES



Wiggins, S.C., April, 25, 1928.

Dear Florrie:-

Since I find you are my own flesh and blood I shall "make no bones" of the matter, but take you right in to my heart.

Since my childhood at Riverlands (my grandfather, William H. Lawton's plantation on Saluda river, where I was born) and Locust Grove, I have been fed on tales of the Lawtons, Maners, and their kith and kin. Black Swamp has been a sort of ancestral Hellas to me. Just after the Confederate war, Lawtons came to Ninety-Six in ~~dozens~~ ^{hundreds}. Some of them, like Soule and Asbury (my Mother's half-uncles), went to school to my Father at Ninety-Six. Sam. Perry Maner was at school to him when his mother, Aunt Mary Ann, died.

So I am vastly interested in all that you tell me and shall delight in going over the story with you some time.

Jennie, my wife, knows the Black Swamp people better than I and keeps track of them.

Since I am leaving in the morning for a trip, and have many letters to write tonight, you will overlook a note, I am sure, which is cordial enough, brief as it is.

The ladies and the students of the High school gave me a delightful reception and put new heart into me.

I shall write to the leaders, one by one, and am sending this advance note to you, though I have written to Mrs. Lake, my hostess, and Mrs. Keyserling.

Jennie and I wish you to come up to see us when it suits you, so that we may chat over family matters and other things of mutual interest.

This is merely to express my pleasure in meeting and knowing you.

With a wish for health and blessing, I am

Miss Florence Lawton,
Beaufort, S.C.

Faithfully yours, *Cousin,*

James Henry Rice, Jr.

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

Oct. 14, 1914.

Miss Florence I. Lawton,

Estill, S. C.

Dear Miss Lawton:-

I have delayed answering your letter in the hope that I might be able to find something that would be of service to you. My secretary after having made investigation at almost every conceivable place, took the matter up directly with the officials of the Library, with the result indicated in the enclosed letter from them.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this capacity, I am,

Sincerely yours,

James I. Byrnes

Albany Co. March 20
69. Richmond Soc.

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69. Richmond Soc.

anything to write you, but after waiting, waiting
this afternoon, I insisted on his telling me what
to write, & he told me what I have written.
now I will tell you what I remember about
~~the transaction with Mr. Bright as near as I~~
can remember, he sold the house & lots
to Mr. C. for \$250.00 (as far as I told him
he gave it to him) the Dearborn lot which
was an inferior lot, bought for me at the
same time, I always told your uncle that
I knew just how what he told me, that
Bright was a villain, he insisted on Mr. C.
staying with him & not going to Mrs. James
Kipp's, as he had promised me to do, & as
soon as he got there he made a lot
whiskey punch & gave it to your uncle to
drink, that is where the trouble came in,
you will understand what I mean, it is a
~~hard thing to write that says about me~~
~~unpleasant~~, but he is your uncle, & I know it
will not be reported, & you see that ac-
cording to Mr. Bright getting it at this over-
price, & your uncle's account he kept him
supplied with something to drink all the
time he was there, he took it for
kindness, but as soon as I found it I Brown
he went down it to serve his own purpose,
I wish he could be made to pay me
for it or give it up, I am not ashamed
to confess that every time I think of it,
it makes my blood boil. Thursday morning
I got so late last night I had to stop, but with
the end of this letter time to suit me, I am

If Judge could see Mr. Elliott again & tell
him how it is I would be very
much obliged. He being as I said in
cloud to do anything but to think if he had
considered we could get anything he would
be more interested, he got me to write to
Mr. Elliott about the place for his, & ask
him to do what he could, to recover all
that was possible for it, I wrote him a
correct statement of that, telling him of
the heirs who had claims on it &c. I
asked him to address his letter to Mr.
O. instead of me, as I had written by
his request, Mr. O. was in Wash. D. C. at
the time, but we have not heard from
him since. I took me his letter for
that, offering to do any thing he could.
For us, with pressure, as he is a lawyer
he would be the last man to attend to it,
& if Judge or yourself need see him & fast
state the case to him & put every thing
in his hands, I would thank you. You know
dear Addie how much we must love you
I hope to be compelled to accept of some
but I have from my children, some of
them have friends of their own & need
the money for themselves. You have never
written me, how you came to me to get
the surplus tax money, & what the taxes
were on, &c. I would like to hear Do you
think we will ever get anything from Cotton 12

I think I have said many things since to you and
so I don't care about it. I do think I can find
a good way to say it. I am glad you are home, it
used to be a good thing for him. I send my
kind regards to him & to Rupert too. I do
not know who Robert is, (write now) Paul
is about 49 years old, I think I had
their ages that I had written down,
they were lost in our Boston house, but
I know about how old he is by Robert's
age, he is about 10 years older than Rob.
I am so glad dear Addie that you have
dear & neighbors, & hope that God will
bless you & yours, hope your little
one is better. Your Emma L. & my dear correspond
regularly, she wrote me that dear letter was
better. Julia Williamson says you are too, & she
likes across the street from me, they have a
happy time. Douglas writes, that if he does not
change his mind to be with the 31st th, he
is going to stop off. He is to marry his
daughter Miss, I have never seen her, but hear
she is a very small sweet girl, he will
take her to the Washburn Club house to live where
he has been living for a year & a half, he has
things fixed up nicely, all of the children
here are well, I have not time to go into
particulars today. All join me in sending
much love to each & all. This is just what
we need in New Orleans. She has a good
time generally, plenty of money, but I can't say
any more. She still gives me all she
can, for her little. Love, Mary & family

Dear Carol
1889
Your Uncle does not think
that I have written sufficiently enough,
and has requested me to write &
say, that he received about a month
ago a paper from Hon. Mr. Eliot saying
that if he would sign it and send
them of it to him, that Mr. James
Lowndes would sue in the Court
of Claims, and get the money for
my Grandfather's services, and
that his charge would not
exceed \$100. Said he (Mr. E.) was
not allowed to practice in that
Court, else he would attend to it
himself & save the expense, says
if we don't do that, it will be
too long before we can get it, he
said I none of the heirs except
your Uncle need sign it, but
it has all of your names printed
said he did not wish to do it
without telling his sister, and
getting her consent to be
sent Mr. E's letter to Sister, &
she got Robt to answer it &
say that she thought \$100. too
much to pay, however that, if
the other heirs were willing
that she would come & it

your uncle says that you will
as soon as you receive the
kind of book drive B. Hooking &
Garni & Deane C. and at the same
time if they are willing to
let the Liberator get it, I fear
Mr. E. thinks it strange, he has
not heard from him yet, I
suppose you know it is \$5.
per acre, I suppose it is giving
the land, he says it is not
necessary to have the consent
of the other heirs, but he does
prefer knowing what you all
think.

Mrs. C. Oswald
would like to know
what you & the Pres.
other heirs in Louisville and
like, in the state of Kentucky
at the time you were
getting any money at all for any
of your father's property, or your
surplus too, & who got it for
you, and how much you got?
He says that your father
these years, as he has heard so
much about the subject, I did
not think of it. I am sure to do

getting along &c. I have heard
less of Alice lately,
than of any of you, how is
she getting on? when you write
do give her & family a great
deal of love for me and tell
her when she has time to
answer my letter & postal that
I wrote so long ago, I have still
the last postal she wrote me
telling of a long letter she had
written poor Uncle concerning
the property down there, which he
has never received, and was
surprised too, to know the contents,
I wrote her twice telling her
he had never gotten it but have
never heard from her since poor
Uncle I know her heart must be
full with so many little ones when
I last saw her Alice was the baby,
they were such sweet children &
dear, & Alice always so cheerful &
sweet. I have never seen Alice
since her marriage, what a wonder-
ful woman she must be, I hear how
beautifully she manages her children.

house hold, and so many to do for,
the task is indeed fitted for the
butthen, how I would like to see all
of your dear faces once more, and my
dear & ^{dear} ~~dear~~ Aunt Mary, do give her & send
much love for me, also dear Lizzie &
family, Lizzie & Cousin John Lawton,
the two latter I never will forget for
their kindness to myself, and little
ones during the War, give my love to
dear Ella and Johnnie P. and all of
my dear relations over there, I love
them all very much, how is dear
Lattie, Carrie, & Duncan getting on?
dear Lady's children, how my heart goes
out to them, as well as to you three
sisters, your mother & father were very
dear to me. Your Uncle's health is better
than it has been for a long time,
he amuses himself with his garden
and poultry and is happier, & better
tempered than he has been since
the War, all our necessary wants
are supplied by our dear good old
brother, our house rent paid, our groceries
his paid cash wants, all our
coal & wood sent us this Lizzie &
Callie does for us, besides giving
clothing very often, and supporting
Oliver entirely, I never spend a cent for
food, save of my other two send me
cash every month, which I buy fresh
meat, butter, lard, &c.

will acc. is with us to supper
and at night, he is such a
good for, as steady as any man
off. He gives me many
advice & goes to school. I
I myself want you to let them
know who you all have em-
ployed to recover your prop-
erty on Port Royal, the prop-
erty. I find a paper here for
him to sign that a Mr.
Trembles and get the money
for his father's penicillin boots,
in the long of chains as he
said if he waited it
would be so long before he
could get it. I said I could
change money with myself. I think I
should like to see him so he has
that is true. I had the paper of
not signed it. I was willing to have
the other two signed. I don't want
ed down, I have been waiting
ing to write and tell you how
truly sorry, I was to hear of
your misfortune, and I had
heard what a nice house
it was, and how comfortable
you were fixed in it. Does
not it seem strange that
our Heavenly Father should have
deprived you of it after your
and dear Mother's hard strug-
gle to have it built? But
dear, we must try and sub-
mit to his dispensations, for

He doeth all things well, ^{and} we cannot foresee his reasons for afflicting us, but we must submit to His holy will. I sympathize deeply with you both, and hope you will soon be able to rebuild it. You must not think for a moment dear Corol, that your old Aunt has forgotten you, for I think & speak of you three sisters so often, and am deeply interested in your welfare, & love you all very much, and if it were in my power would soon show it in a substantial way. Harriet Willingham (nee Peeples) was the first one who told me of your great loss, you know she lives here, & then I heard through others of it also. I am always enquiring of those who I think know of you, how you all are

This letter was written by
Anna E. Oswald when she
was uniting with the
Baptist Church of Rochester
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was built

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My Dear Sister

I have taken
up this piece of paper to
begin my journal for you
but that I have not yet
begun. I feel that I am
in a very happy state that
without this journal I
be not so good at sharing
of the Father's love as upon
this work and through
life and joy, the Father
and the Son which I

head on. on Thursday in the
house of prayer, a bid. in
my memory and desire. My
conduct. These words are in
easily arriving in my ears
That shall I see in
neglect so great Salvation
May I be enabled in the
presence of a heartsearching
God day by day to declare
that this Saviour is my all
my theme my inspiration and
my Crown. I acknowledge, de
God that I have deserved
the greatest of things ⁱⁿ indignation
that if thou hadst dealt with
me according to my deserts I

should this day be blessing
my business in a word I am
hoping this may find you all
well. I conclude by now writing
yours in distress I beg that you
will take the subject of
prayer as ever yours
affectionately

A. M. G. Cowley

My precious little
day my dear
off as a mother
and a heart full of
tender affection
hoping that Bill
from the many
pleasures and the joy

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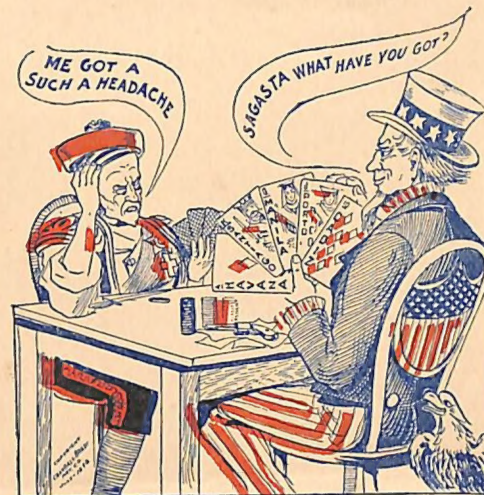
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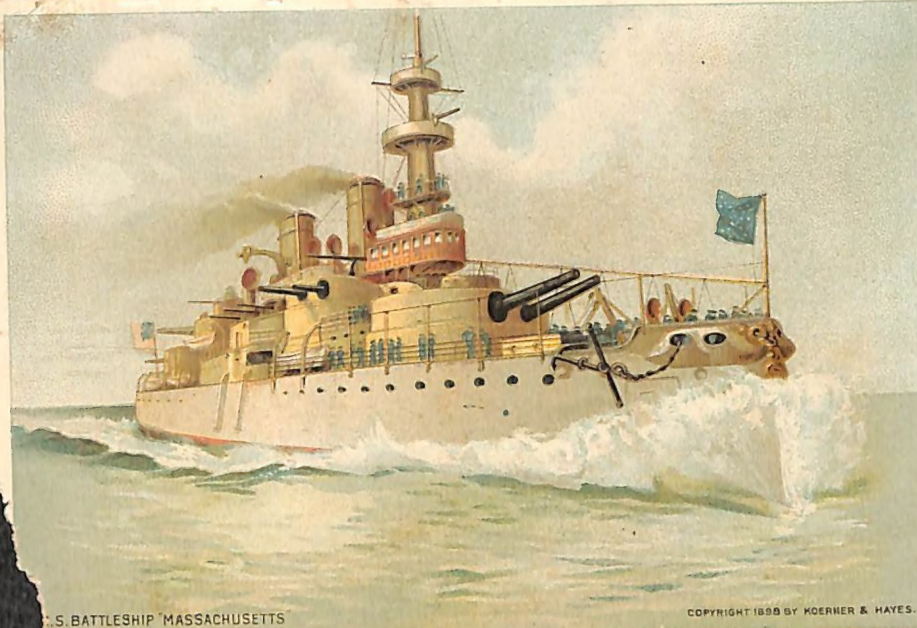
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